

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action of March 11, 2009 in the above matter and is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). With this Amendment, claims 9 and 21 are amended and all pending claims 9-13-17, 21-28 are presented for reconsideration and favorable action.

The claims are amended as pointed out by the Examiner.

Our opinions as to the claim 9 are as follows:

The Wilk's patent includes two display panels and key input part, but the Wilk's patent did not disclose the necessary construction for using the two displays as one display screen.

On the contrary, the present invention provides the novel construction for forming two adjacent panels to one display screen. As shown at Fig. 26 of the present invention, the connection joint part (20f) is provided at the adjacent boundary portion of the two displays and the connection means(61)(62) for connecting the panel housings are provided at the opposite sides of the panel housings over the connection joint part. Accordingly, the connection means (61)(62) in the present invention are not between the adjacent two displays.

However, in the Wilk's patent, the connection means such as the hinges (128)(143) shown in Figs. 13 and 14 occupies the boundary portion of the adjacent displays.

Also, the Shin's patent discloses the sliding key input at the lower part of the display, but do not discloses the construction for adjacently arranging two displays.

However, the claimed invention provides a construction for adjacently arranging the two displays and the defined sliding direction of the key input part. That is, in this invention, the key input is adapted to be slidable at a right-angled direction to the adjacent arrangement direction of the two displays.

Claim 9 is amended by adding the features mentioned above, which are not shown in the Wilk's patent and Shin's patent.

Our opinion as to the claim 21 is follows:

As pointed out by the Examiner, the Wilk's patent discloses two foldable displays and the key input part. However, the hinge (143) is arranged between the two displays as shown in Figs.

12 to 14 of the Wilk's patent. Accordingly, the concrete features for adjacently arranging the two displays are not disclosed.

However, in the claimed invention, the connection joint portion for adjacently arranging the displays is at the boundary portion between the two displays and the connection means(61)(62) for foldably connecting the panel housings is arranged at the edges of the opposite sides of the panel housings over the boundary portion of the adjacent displays as shown in Fig. 26.

Accordingly, claim 21 is amended by adding the feature mentioned above.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue, or comment, including the Office Action's characterizations of the art, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue, or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment or cancellation of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment or cancellation. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the rejection claims in further prosecution of this or related applications.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. Consideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

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